

Remarks

The present divisional application is being filed as a result of a restriction requirement in the parent application, Serial No. 10/019,670. [The Issue Fee for the parent application is being paid on even date herewith.] The divisional application is directed to the subject matter of claims 1-9, which were non-elected in the parent application.

The specification has been amended to insert a cross-reference to the parent application, and to the PCT application on which the parent application is based.

Claim 1 has been amended in the same manner as in the parent application, which reflects the Article 11 Amendment of record in the parent application. This amendment more particularly identifies the additive, based on the disclosure at page 11, lines 9-10 of the specification.

Claim 6 has been amended to depend only from a single preceding claim, in order to reduce the filing fee, as a result of which new claims 14-15 have been added to the application.

Claims 10-13 have been cancelled. These are the claims which were elected in the parent application in response to the restriction requirement therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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